**Light of the Darkness - Funnies**

**Boy Scout leader to troop: “Remember, fellows, if you’re lost in the woods at night, get your bearings from the sky. A glow will indicate the nearest shopping center.” *(Dick Turner, Newspaper Enterprise Association)***

**At age 83 Granddad went to the hospital for the first time. “What is that?” he asked as he held up the bell cord they had fastened to his pillow. “That's a bell, Granddad,” I replied. He pulled it several times, then remarked, “I don't hear it ringing.” “Oh, it doesn't ring,” I explained. “It turns on a light in the hall for the nurse.” “Well!” he replied indignantly, “if the nurse wants a light on in the hall, she can turn it on herself.” *(Gladys Burd, in Reader's Digest)***

**A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, “Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you . . *.” (S.C.U.C.A. Regional Reporter)***

**“I can see in the dark,” boasted Nasrudin one day in the teahouse. “If that is so, why do we see you carrying a light through the streets?” “Only to prevent other people from colliding with me.” *(Indries Shah, Indian writer)***

**I work as a guide at a local cave. At a certain point on my tour, I turn off all the lights to illustrate the concept of total darkness. One day at this juncture, amid the typical oohs and ahs, one of the more impressed members of the group exclaimed, “Wow! Can you imagine what this place must be like at night?” *(Lee Becker, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Pappy sees Elmer walking with a lantern and asks, “Where ya going boy?” The son smiled and replied, “I’m a-going courting Peggy-Sue.” The Father said, “When I went a-courtin’, I didn’t need me no dang lantern.” “Sure Pa, I know,” the boy said. “And look what you got!” *(Tidbits of Denver)***

**Dolly says to Billy: “If we’re good all day, God gives us STARS at night like Mrs. Clarke does at school.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Man sitting on the hood of the moving car with his flashlight glowing says: “Well, I still think we should spend a little money and have the headlights fixed.” *(Dave Breger, in Mister Breger comic strip)***

**Dolly sings: “Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from a bulb.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dolly: “The best invention EVER is the night light.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

Billy says to his Mom: “But if it’s wrong to have midnight treats, why did God put lights in the fridge?” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)

 **At about two o’clock in the morning, a burglar broke into the house of a very poor elderly woman. “Stay where you are,” the burglar demanded. “Keep quiet, and you won’t get hurt. I’m looking for money.” “Let me turn on the light,” came the woman’s reply. “I’ll look with you.” *(Ron Dentinger)***

**Billy and his grandfather entered their vacation cabin. They kept the lights off until they were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed them in. Noticing them before his grandfather did, Billy whispered, “It’s no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.” (*Tidbits)***

**Little boy: “What's the purpose of having a giant image of Oprah in your room?" Little girl: “She's an American success story. Her poster inspires me. Plus her three carat, diamond earrings become night lights." *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Dennis, observing the sky on a star-lit evening, says: “There’s gotta be people on other planets. Somebody has to turn on all those lights.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**I spent a summer with my grandparents on their farm. During that time, my grandmother found this poem in the newspaper and helped me memorize it as I watched her trim the wicks and fill the oil lamps for the evening. “Our farm’s a mile from anywhere and sometimes we’d go all day, 'Thout seein’ any neighbors come a-trampin’ out our way. But now, why, folks from all around come droppin’ in at nights. They want to see how our house looks since we go ‘lectric lights.” *(Roberta Fogle, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Snoopy: “What a beautiful night. The moon is full, and there must be a billion stars in the sky. It's a perfect night to get a star-tan.” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**I have only a small flickering light to guide me in the darkness of a thick forest. Up comes a theologian and blows it out. *(Mark Twain)***

**I read that Lincoln studied by the fireplace. Mozart composed by candlelight and Galileo did his inventing by the light of an oil lamp. Didn’t any of these guys ever think of working during the day? *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

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